

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS

1. A multimedia reproducing system comprising:

a first client apparatus including an uploading unit operable to transmit data from a desired medium to a server apparatus, the server apparatus including a data registering unit operable to register data transmitted from said first client apparatus by said uploading unit to a user record area prepared in advance for individual users;

a list presenting unit operable to present a list of contents available for selection to a second client apparatus based on data registered by the data registering unit; and

a server data transmitting/receiving unit operable to transmit data selected on said second client apparatus to said second client apparatus;

wherein the second client apparatus comprises a selecting unit operable to select a desired content from the list presented by the list presenting unit and a reproducing unit operable to receive the data transmitted from the server data transmitting/receiving unit and reproduce the data through decoding that corresponds to a media type.

2. The multimedia reproducing system of claim 1, wherein the reproducing unit includes a plurality of decoders corresponding to a media type and is operable to select a decoder that corresponds to the desired medium.

3. The multimedia reproducing system of claim 1, wherein the reproducing unit includes a decoder and memory operable to store a plurality of decoding programs that correspond to a media type and is operable to select a decoding program that corresponds to the desired medium.

4. The multimedia reproducing system of claim 1, further comprising:

a data converting unit operable to convert the data of the content selected by the second client apparatus into data in a predetermined format; and

wherein the server data transmitting/receiving unit is operable to transmit the data of the content in the predetermined format to said second client apparatus and the reproducing unit utilizes a decoder that corresponds to the predetermined format to apply the decoding to the data transmitted from said server apparatus by said server data transmitting/receiving unit.

5. The multimedia reproducing system of claim 1, wherein the first client apparatus includes a function selecting unit operable to select an operation mode relating to a reproduction quality, equalization, or notifying the server apparatus of selection content; and

the server apparatus includes an operation screen generating unit operable to generate an operation screen presented on said second client apparatus based on the content of the function selected by said function selecting unit, and transmit the screen to the second client apparatus.

6. The multimedia reproducing system of claim 1, wherein the second client apparatus includes a function selecting unit operable to select an operation mode relating to a reproduction quality, equalization, or notifying the server apparatus of selection content; and

the server apparatus includes an operation screen generating unit operable to generate an operation screen presented on said second client apparatus based on the content of the function selected by said function selecting unit, and transmit the screen to the second client apparatus.

7. The multimedia reproducing system of claim 1, wherein the list presenting unit provides the second client apparatus with a list of contents prepared by the server apparatus; and

the server apparatus includes a charging unit operable to conduct purchase processing of selected content.

8. The multimedia reproducing system of claim 7, wherein the data registering unit registers data relates to selected content in the user record area.

9. The multimedia reproducing system of claim 1, further comprising:
a last position storing unit operable to store last position information indicating the last reproduction position by said reproducing unit; and
a last position managing unit operable to manage reading and writing of the last position information to and from the last position storing unit;
wherein the data relates to content selected by said second client apparatus is reproduced from a position corresponding to the last position information stored in the last position storing unit.

10. The multimedia reproducing system of claim 9, wherein the server data transmitting/receiving unit obtains data corresponding to content selected on the second client apparatus starting from the position corresponding to the last position information stored in the last position storing unit, and transmits the data to the second client apparatus.

11. The multimedia reproducing system of claim 10, further comprising a last position managing unit in said second client apparatus, and is operable to transmit the last position information to the server apparatus.

12. The multimedia reproducing system of claim 10, wherein the last position managing unit and the last position storing unit are provided in the server apparatus, and the last position information is stored in the server apparatus.

13. A client apparatus, comprising:
a selecting unit operable to select desired content from a list presented by a server apparatus based on data from different types of media uploaded in advance onto said server apparatus; and

a reproducing unit operable to receive data corresponding to the content selected by the selecting unit from the server apparatus, and apply decoding corresponding to a medium.

14. The client apparatus of claim 13, wherein the reproducing unit includes a plurality of decoders corresponding to a media type; and

the decoding is applied to the data transmitted from the server apparatus by utilizing the decoder that corresponds to the medium.

15. The client apparatus of claim 13, wherein the reproducing unit is provided with a decoder that corresponds to a predetermined format and decodes data converted into the predetermined format.

16. The client apparatus of claim 13 further comprising:

a function selecting unit operable to select an operation mode relating to reproduction quality, equalization, and notifying the server apparatus of selection content; and

an operation screen display unit operable to receive an operation screen generated on the server apparatus based on the content of the function selected by the function selecting unit, and present the screen on a display.

17. A server apparatus comprising:

a data registering unit operable to register data from different media types uploaded from a client apparatus to a user record area prepared in advance for individual users;

a list presenting unit operable to present a list of contents available for selection to said client apparatus based on the data registered by the data registering unit; and

a server data transmitting/receiving unit operable to transmit data corresponding to content selected on the client apparatus to the client apparatus.

18. The server apparatus of claim 17, further comprising:
a data converting unit operable to convert data corresponding to the content selected by the client apparatus into data in a predetermined format,
wherein the server data transmitting/receiving unit transmits the data corresponding to content in the predetermined format to the client apparatus.

19. The server apparatus of claim 17 further comprising an operation screen generating unit operable to generate an operation screen presented on the client apparatus based on an operation mode selected by the client apparatus relating to reproduction quality or equalization function, and transmit the screen to the client apparatus.

20. The server apparatus of claim 17, wherein the list presenting unit provides a list of contents prepared by the server apparatus, and the server apparatus further comprises a charging unit operable to conduct purchase processing of a selected content when said client apparatus selects the content prepared by said server apparatus.

21. The server apparatus of claim 20, wherein data corresponding to selected content is registered to said user record area when the content is selected on the client apparatus.

22. A multimedia reproducing method, comprising the acts of:
providing a server;
providing a user record area on the server;
providing a first client apparatus operable to connect with the server through a network;
providing a second client apparatus operable to connect with the server apparatus through a network;
selecting content through the second client apparatus;

registering data from a desired medium to the user record area on the server apparatus;

selecting a decoder on the second client apparatus based on the medium used to reproduce the content; and

decoding data transmitted from the server to the second client apparatus.

23. The multimedia reproducing method of claim 22 further comprising the act of selecting an operating mode relating to reproduction quality or equalization.

24. The multimedia reproducing method of claim 22 wherein the server apparatus generates an operation screen presented on said second client apparatus based on the content of the selected function and transmits the screen to said second client apparatus.